

*City of Las Vegas*

**AGENDA MEMO**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE: JANUARY 08, 2009**

**DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION: TXT-32131 - APPLICANT/OWNER: CITY OF LAS VEGAS**

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**\*\* CONDITIONS \*\***

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**      **APPROVAL**, subject to:

1. Map 6 of the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan, "Downtown Urban Pathways System," is hereby replaced.
2. Section II (D) Paragraph 5 of the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan, "Linkages," is hereby amended as follows:

First Street, from Boulder Avenue to Garces Avenue and from Bonneville Avenue to Fremont Street Experience, will be developed as the Arts Trail and will function as a major pedestrian link between 18b The Las Vegas Arts District and the Fremont Street Experience located within the Central Casino Core District. Widened sidewalks and an enhanced pedestrian experience shall contribute to the revitalization of this central downtown area.

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**\*\* STAFF REPORT \*\***

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This is a request to amend the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan to revise the “Downtown Urban Pathways System” map, know as Map 6, of the plan. Further the amendment will amend the trail description of the “Arts Trail” to correspond to the revised map.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

<i>Related Relevant City Actions by P&amp;D, Fire, Bldg., etc.</i>	
07/05/00	The City Council adopted the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan. The Planning Commission recommended the document be adopted at its meeting on 04/27/00.
12/04/02	The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5550 that updated various design standards as part of the Downtown Centennial Plan and applicable to the Downtown Overlay District.
02/05/03	The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5566 that established standards for outdoor dining in the Downtown Overlay District of the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan.
08/13/03	The City Council adopted GPA-2591 to amend the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan to include a revised definition of the boundaries of the Arts District, to include design standards for the Arts District, to establish permissible uses for the Arts District, to provide corrected station locations of the Las Vegas Monorail and establish standards for development adjacent to eh monorail route, to revise elements of the streetscape and design standards, and to correct the Downtown Las Vegas Centennial boundaries.
11/05/03	The City Council adopted GPA-3000 to amend the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan to include urban trail objectives and locations.
11/05/03	The City Council adopted GPA-3130 to amend the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan to include a revised definition of the boundaries of the Arts District, to revise the design standards for the Arts District, to include a revised definition of the boundaries of the Office District, and to correct minor elements of the Downtown Centennial Plan.
10/21/04	The City Council adopted GPA-5015 to amend the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan to include the Scenic Byway urban trail along both sides of Las Vegas Boulevard between Sahara and Washington Avenues.
09/21/05	The City Council adopted Resolution 85-2005 adopting “18b The Las Vegas Arts District” as the official name of the Downtown Arts District in the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan.

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01/03/07	The City Council adopted Ordinance Number 5857 that adopted an updated version of the Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan.
10/17/07	The City Council adopted Ordinance Number 5941 which amended various sections of the plan to update land use, detailed graphics, clarify verbiage, edit chapter numbering and revise maps and tables. The Planning Commission and staff recommended approval.
11/20/08	The Planning Commission recommended, via a Text Amendment (TXT-30778), the inclusion of Office, Other Than Listed, Banquet Facility, and Massage, Accessory as permitted uses within The 18b Arts District. This amendment will be forwarded to the City Council in ordinance form.
01/08/09	The Planning Commission will hear a non-companion but related General Plan Amendment (GPA-32130) that will update elements of the General Plan related to various trail alignment changes including the adjustment being incorporated by this amendment.

**ANALYSIS**

Recent changes to development patterns and proposed development have necessitated the slight reconfiguration of two trail segments within the downtown area. These changes will extend the “Tortoise Trail” formally the Monorail Trail farther south and extract a one-block section of the “Arts Trail” between Garces Avenue and Bonneville Avenue, adjacent to the future RTC Central City Bus Terminal.

**FINDINGS**

The proposed text amendment will achieve the following:

- Align the Downtown Urban Pathways System (Map 6) with the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan Transportation Trails Element Off-street Multi-use Transportation Trail Alignments (Map 2).
- Clarifies the description of the Arts Trail to correspond to the alignment depicted on Map 6 of the Downtown Centennial Plan.

The following table summarizes all proposed changes:

<b>Code Requirements</b>	<b>Existing Regulations</b>	<b>Proposed Regulations</b>
Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan – Downtown Urban Pathways System (Map 6)	• Map reflects current alignment.	• Map adjusted to match alignments as proposed by General Plan Amendment (GPA-32130) to the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan Transportation Trails Element

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Las Vegas Downtown Centennial Plan – II (D) Linkages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Trail described as “First Street, from Boulder Avenue to Fremont Street Experience.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Trail described as “First Street, from Boulder Avenue to Garces Avenue and from Bonneville Avenue to Fremont Street Experience.”</li> </ul>
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**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED**

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**ASSEMBLY DISTRICT**      N/A

**SENATE DISTRICT**      N/A

**NOTICES MAILED**      NEWSPAPER ONLY

**APPROVALS**      0

**PROTESTS**      0